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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

VAZQUEZ *et al.*

Serial No. 09/288,080

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For: α - and β -Amino Acid Hydroxyethylamino Sulfonamides Useful As Retroviral Protease Inhibitors

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

The Honorable Assistant
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

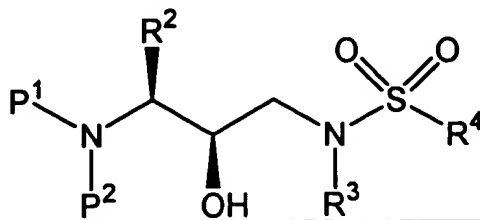
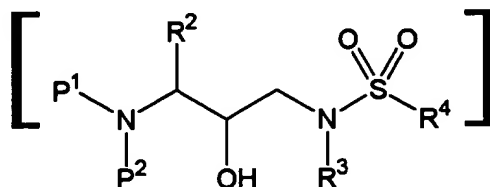
Dear Sir:

Before examining the subject continuation application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22 and 33-35, and amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Once amended) A compound represented by the formula:



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